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- 1. After Milovan Djilas was relieved of his official functions early in 1954, a consolidation took place in the group of leading Yagoelav politicians. Marshal Tito's influence the lecisive for the selection of top-level functionaries. He is the dominating factor in his country, but his influence is limited by the following facts:
  - a. He is much more absorbed by his family life than he used to be six or eight years ago; for this reason he does not find the time to care for all details of government.
  - b. Tito's chief lieutements enjoy growing authority either on account of their importance in the field of ideology and education (Edward Kardelj), or their expert knowledge in the field of administration (Aleksender Rankovic), or their great familiarity with the complicated structure of the nationalized economy (Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo). On account of their authority, these top-level functionaries occasionally dare offer opposition to the President's Executive Office, which is headed by Joze Vilfan, a versatile Slovenian intellectual.
  - c. A number of organizations have gained a certain amount of autonomy and independence on the basis of directives given by Tito himself.

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- 2. Now that Milovan Djilas has been eliminated from the circle of the most influential advisers of Tito, the group of Tito's top-level lieutenants consists of Edvard Kardelj, Aleksendar Rankovic, and Koca Popovic. Vilfan also has much influence. Popovic, who is not a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia, is especially liked by Tito because he is good company and knows much of the world, while Kardelj likes to indulge in boring theoretical tirades, and Rankovic is not much more than a good executive officer and behaves like a class-

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3.	Power in Belgrade is, however, not exclusively wislded by The chief lieutements, but is shared with the important organization the country. Tito is not willing to ignore the claims and these organizations. Generally it can be stated that Yugoslalong lines different from the USSR, Poland, and Czechoslovathe ides of one-man leadership is at present rejected, while is the most powerful factor in his country and his popularit the real strength of the present Yugoslav regime. The quest succession is therefore faced with a mixture of confusion as by the leading Yugoslav Sommunists. It appears that the only Tito's closest followers who believed himself capable of success Djilas. This opinion may have sharpened the conflict be and Tito, who previously treated Djilas almost like a sen, y as Tito's own son seems to be a bit of a problem child and he removed from the army. It is an unwritten law in Yugoslavia nouncements on party ideology must be made by Tito himself, is respected even by Mardelly, who is the chief ideologist in Djilas violated this law and them induced Tito to eliminate he may have disapproved of the way in which this was done	tions in pinions of avia developed kia, where Tito still y represents ion of Tito's d apprehension y wan among occuring. Tito tween Djilas articularly ad to be that prosend this law Yuroslavia.
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